

Mansfield Middle School Association  
October 7, 2014 Minutes

In Attendance: Marie Hodrinsky, Jean Johnson, Lisa Drzewiecki, Erika Blanchette, Patty Braithwaite, Sara Anderson, Sarah Delia, Esther Soffer Roberts, Suzanne Kelly, Shannon Sion, Candace Morell, Larry Barlow.

**1. Call to Order:**

Marie H. called the meeting to order at 7:05

**2. Special Guest Speaker(s):**

**Sara Anderson:**

Raise awareness of Youth Services program as many people do not know about it.

Comes to Mansfield on Mondays during x-block.

Based on a referral system, contact Pat Michalak (860) 429-3319 or michalakp@mansfieldct.org

Food Share is every other Thursday (next one being 10/16) gives out perishable food items, not yet expired, donated from local stores at Senior Center @ 11:30.

Looking for a parent rep to be youth services advisor for Middle School.

MMS does food collection for soup kitchen and adopts a family, staff adopts a family as well.

**3. Approval of the minutes:**

Jean J. motioned to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2014 meeting.  
Ester Soffer Roberts 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Approved.

**4. Officers Reports:**

**President, Marie Hodrinsky:**

We received \$240 more from direct giving campaign and \$22 from Spirit Wear sales.

We had a lot of volunteers sign up at Open House.

Thank-you cards to go out to donations for \$50 and above.

5k for Fischer family is back to Southeast (trails) on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Vice-President, Jean Johnson:**

We will be doing Yankee Candle fundraiser again this year

**Treasurer, Lisa Drzewiecki:**

Budget (see attached)

We had a lot of donations between Open House/Direct Giving

Grant deadline is in two weeks and we had over \$10,000 in grant requests.

Think about increasing amount given for grants (\$6,500 or \$7,000?) and we will vote at next months meeting regarding raising amount to give for grants.

Grant Committee meets last week in October to go over.  
Possibly add \$300 to budget for spirit t-shirts? Will put in order before December concerts and still have time put in another order before spirit week if needed.  
Add babysitting as a line item as well.  
Put budget for Field Day back up to \$250 as we could have used more fruit.  
Patty B. motioned to accept budget, Jean J. 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.  
**Secretary, Erika Blanchette & Patty Braithwaite:**  
Patty B. checked and we do not need to post meeting minutes on town website.

**5. Administrators Report:**

Education week will be the week of the 20<sup>th</sup>.  
Will also have Internet Safety for grades 5-7 on Thursday of that week (MMSA will greet parents and pass out information/direct giving paperwork.)  
Field Trips to begin: 5<sup>th</sup> grade to Mystic Seaport, 6<sup>th</sup> grade to Overlook Farm and 8<sup>th</sup> grade to Boston.  
217 participants in after school activities (not including fall sports).  
Student council will put on Falloween event 11/14.

**6. Faculty Report:**

No report

**7. Old Business:**

Will see how childcare went tonight (may only need one sitter.)  
\$25.00 split between two or \$15.00/sitter the next time?

**8. New Business:**

Marie mentioned using Kohl's Cares to help out at an upcoming event. They send up to 5 people to volunteer and we also receive check for \$500.00

**9. Fundraising:**

Melissa B. has \$1,000 in box tops bundled.  
Melissa O. located the bag of box tops dropped off over the summer and will bundle.  
Need a leader for box top contest (11/15-12/15) to put boxes to collect box tops in each classroom.  
The citrus fundraiser will begin Friday and run until 10/22. A q-notify will go out with dates and other information.  
Yankee Candle fundraiser will begin 10/25.

**10. Other Business:**

**11. Meeting Adjourned:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Erika Blanchette & Patty Braithwaite, Secretaries